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ILLINOIS CENTRAL STRIKERS TELL THEIR SIDE OF THE STRIKE STORY

Would Condemn the "Capitalists' Press" for Not Giving the Strikers' Side of the Contest—Railroad's Side Elaborately Published.

The press committee of the Illinois Central strikers have issued the following statement to the public, through Rev. C. H. Doolittle, chairman of the committee:

THE STATEMENT

If you are a thinking man and know what is for your best interests, read this; if not, pass it on.

A community is known by its citizens. It is the class of people that live in a community that elevate or retard its growth morally and financially. So far our city has been known and composed of moral and law-abiding citizens. Shall we keep up our reputation?

The employes of the Illinois Central railroad all along the line have demonstrated beyond a doubt that they are an honest, upright, law-abiding class of men. This the Illinois Central officials admitted in their pamphlet—and the citizens know it—and they have conducted themselves nobly and patiently and uprightly, and have won the respect of every honest man in this struggle for recognition of the Federation, and we believe they will surely win this strike, for it is just in the sight of God and man, and they are making history in this struggle that will tell in coming generations. Their battle is the battle of every working man, for united we stand, divided we fall.

The Illinois Central employes make up an important part of the public in this community. Being part of the public, we are part of you. We are taxpayers, this is our home. Many of us have bought or built our homes. We expect to live here and probably die here. We have aided in the building up of this city, and in a great measure we have made it what it is, and we naturally expect the co-operation of our fellow citizens in resenting the unlawful action of importing into our city the scum and offal of the earth.

Men who are not mechanics, not even working men, but strike